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TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING MAGNETIC  
PARTICLES IN FLUID SAMPLES TO COLLECT DNA OR RNA  
FROM A SAMPLE

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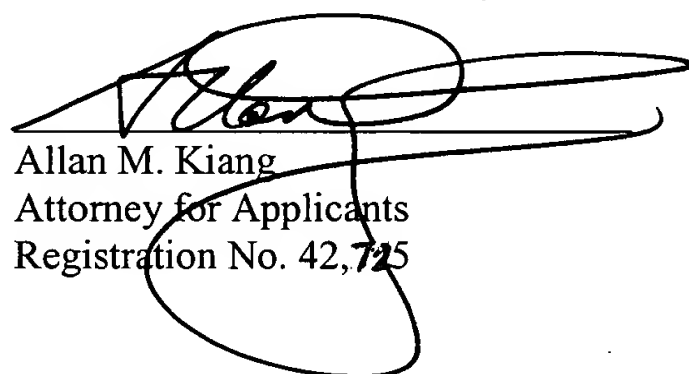
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